Mrs. Craigle's Hazy Tragedy Acted by Sargent Graduates-A Piece Which Mr. Fitch Extended at Both Ends-Miss Irwin Tells of Mr. Daly's Method at Rehearsals. A Beaumont and Fletcher comedy. "The Coxcombe," was acted at the Empire Theatre yesterday afternoon for the first time in this country. It had been arranged in three acts by Edward E. Rose, who undertakes to make a stage version of anything, from an Anthony Hope novel to the telephone directory. "The Coxcombe" is known to readers of Elizabethan literature as a composition in the Shakespeare manner without many Shakespeare merits. It contains two separate stories, one of a man whose love for his friend's wife is unrequited, the other of a girl who leaves her father's house elope, but whose lover goes off on a drunken revel instead of meeting her. Intense interest was given to yesterday's presentation by copying the Elizabethan stage methods. No scenery was used, the only changes being in the resetting of chairs and tables. The programmes told where the scenes were, and imagination had to pleture them. The performance was curious, but not entertaining. The actors were fresh graduates of the Sargent School. To put them forward in an old play like that, and without the aid of modern mountings, was a severe test. They did well under the circumstances.

Another piece presented was a one-act melodrama, "A Repentance" by Mrs. Cragie. There is a vagueness about all this English woman writes for the stage. As in "The Ambassador" and "Osbern and Ursyne," the chief persons in "A Repentance," are in a deep gloom. They have dark forebodings and vague unrests. They never tell the audience clearly what these troubles are, and so one feels like a rank outsider. Perhaps they all have physical aches which they don't like to tell about. "A Repentance" shows a Spanish widow in a state of secret woe. After a lot of talk it is gathered that her husband was a Carlist and died fighting for his cause. The wife has remained true to his beliefs, and is concerned in a movement to dethrone Queen Christina. A spy of the enemy comes to her house, disguised as a monk. She sends for carlist soldiers to come and shoot him. Before they arrive she discovers that the spy is her husband, who, instead of dying for his cause, has deserted to the enemy. From then on pething is clear. She seems to hate him for being a traitor, but wants to save him woman writes for the stage. As in "The Amnothing is clear. She seems to hate him for being a traitor, but wants to save him from being killed by the men she has sent for, and when he is slain she screams and falls in a faint. This play was used at the St. James, in London, last winter with Julie Oop in the chief part. Sydney Marlyn played it yesterday as though barnstorming in a tragedy. Ralph Yoerg did better as the husband, though more than two gestures would be a gain for him.

"A Night Off" is apt to come first when one recalls the German farces that Augustin Daly adapted for his stock company. It is this week's revival at the Murray Hill, and, although its original production in English was fifteen years ago, it shows no sign of age. "The Wife" and "The Charity Ball," which were new at the Lyceum two years later, were shown by the Donnelly players last winter the pieces seemed out date in many ways. Walter Allen is playing James Lewis's part of the professor who writes a tragedy and has to manosuvre to get out of his house to see it acted. Dorothy nnelly and Georgia Welles are not far behind Ada Rehan and Virginia Dreher as the daughters. Mrs. Barry is funny in Mrs. Gilbert's rôle of the wife who has arranged a quiet evening at home and instead spends the time in uproar. Raibh Stuart and Charles Waldron are adequate in tasks once assigned to John Drew and Otis Skinner. It was in "A Night Off" that Mr. Daly made an amusing hit at Mr. Drew, who appeared as a man of fashion cast of by his father and adopting the stage for a livelihood. After a year or so he makes up with his parent. "If you retire," the manager says. "it will break up the company—not tecause you're a good actor, for you're a very bad one, but because you're the only man in it with eight suits of clothes. Without you a society play is impossible." Grace Huntington enacted the maid willing to lose her place to be at the first night of the tragedy. This was one of the few rôles in which Miss Irwin was of any use during her four years at Daly's. She says that at the first rehearsal there she had her part fully memorized and a fixed dea as to how it should be played. quiet evening at home and instead spends the

rehearsal there she had her part fully mean orized and a fixed idea as to how it should be played.

I was supposed to smell an odor of burnt fish, "she adds, "and Mr. Daly's directions were to come down, sniff, look around and sniff harder. I said that would be absurd. Why, Mr. Daly," I remarked, 'do you suppose if I smelled something burning in my flat I wouldn't know enough to go to the range?' The Guy'nor, that's what they called him, must have been thunderstruck, for the slow voice in which he said 'Miss Irwin, I don't allow this, was the least bit chosy. I saw what I had done, of course, 'Very well,' I said. The try it your way.' And I did try, but I couldn't do it. Time after time we went over it. I think we must have done it twenty times, and then it was not much nearer what he wanted, but at last we went on. In a few days we reached the seemak, 'I wonder was sitting down in the antitarium and his solemn voice informed me, 'Not in the least like it. 'Well, I'll try again, and I did. Then up to me came the remark, 'I wonder where you have left your intelligence this morning.' It was the last straw, and before all the company! I tried to take a brace, but I could not; so I broke down and biubbered. It was the first time I ever did such a thing. Go on, 'said the inexorable voice, but I could only sob, 'Well, now, I guess you'll have to walt for me, and I' retired to a dark corner and cried as though my heart were broken. Pretty soon Mr. Daly hunred me up. 'Come, come,' he said, 'you mustn't do this. I treat all my people alike. If you don't do well, you as well as I will be criticised. It is for your sake as much as for mine.' And that was the last encounter of that kind that we ever had. It did not take me long to understand that Mr. Daly knew more than I did, and that to follow him was to make a hit.'

A play that was successful first in a fashionable theatre, and is being shown this week at the half-price Grand Opera House, is "The Moth and the Flame." It was three years ago that this piece by Clyde Fitch was new at the Lyceum. Effic Shannon and Herbert Kelcey have ever since played the chief rôles in it, though their associates are now all rent. Ethel Winthrop, who acts the grass widow, a part in which Mrs. Le Moyne was so successful in the original production, is an etress of promise. Of course, to compare her to Mrs. Le Moyne is absurd, but she has distinction, a good voice and much untrained ability as a comedienne. "The Moth and the Flame" started in the form of a single act containing the church scene, in which a wedding ceremony is broken into by the bridegroom's east-off sweetheart. This was acted once only at the Fifth Avenue about seven years ago by some high-art pretenders who said that they were going to elevate the stage. Their elevator broke after a few unsucsful lifts. The only thing of promise that the Theatre of Arts and Letters brought forth was this brief drama by Mr. Fitch. Afterward he extended the idea, writing both ways, and making a three-act play with the church epiode is the middle, but it was two years before Mr. Kelcey ventured with it. Some of the managers who refused it are now offering the author orders for as many plays as he can write. This may be his ruination. "The Cowboy and the Lady" showed lack of care and scarcity of material. Mr. Fitch's dramatization of "Supho" lacked strength, coherence, cleverness of dialogue, sequence of plot, and almost every element necessary for a good play, and evident in other of his works.

Mary Mannering's departure from sure distinction at baly's to the uncertainties of starting next season may be made as Priscilla in a play by Eugene W. Presbrey, based on the Longiellow room, but there has been no decision, and her manager, F. C. Whitney, now in London, may bring back a piece.

An actor clever in the carrecture of an old farmer has jet down his art and lifted his income oddly. He is employed by a vaudeville comica. By agers who refused it are now offering the com; any. Before each performance he wanders an hour in the streets, attracting much attention by his matic guise and behavior, and when he enters the theatre a crowd of people follow him hin, curious to see what he will do. He sits awhile in the audience and then goes on the stage for a song and dance.

Queen Victoria fell desperately in love with the King of Siam, and, because he broke his promise to marry her, she led a vengeful army of invaders. Her forces were destroyed in battle, but the King took pity on her and made her his wile. That is the plot of a Samese drama lately produced at Bankok.

The prolongation of Henry Pring's tour in this country will put off until next season the new drama, dealing with the St. Bartholomew Massacre, which he expected to bring out in London this spring. He will not go home until late in May.

Herman, Varia, will enjabrate, the close

is an American by birth, but English in his theatrical career.

Louise Freear, the grotesque actress, whom New York recently rejected, was a chief entertainer at the celebration by the Prince and Princess of Wales of their last wedding anni-

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Varideville rivalry is hot in Boston, which is a Keith citadel. The Hashims, managers, who have recently established a chain of continuous houses, are holding the Boston Theatre, and the current bills provided therein and at the handsome Keith Theatre are unusually expensive. Their competition brought the managers into court to ascertain which was entitled to the services of Lafayette, the mimic, and this first round was in favor of the Keith interest.

Olga Nethersole and her company will resume the run of "Sapho" at Wallack's to-morrow night. Miss Nethersole was acquitted of offending public morals, but no competent jury would acquit Clyde Fitch of writing a dull and uninteresting play. Many congratulatory telegrams were received by Miss Nethersole from theatrical people who, of course, see only the one side of the case, the money side.

Leo Teller, manager of the Comique, said last night that this decision in the "Sapho" matter settles it that he will put on his version on Monday night.

Waiter Hale will leave the "Oliver Goldsmith" company to-night and be succeeded as Edmund Burke by Frank Worthing. Mr. Hale will sail for London to-morrow to play in "An American Beauty."

Benefit performances are looming up everywhere. Besides the one for the late Ernest Tarleton's mother at Daly's on the 17th and the one for J. Cheever Goodwin at Koster & Bial's on the 24th eight others are being prepared.

Testimonial performances will be given to two members of the Conried company at the Irving Place. Max Haenseler will benefit Tuesday evening, when "At the White Horse Tavern" and its sequel, "Twelve Months Later," will be given as one play. This novelty should assure a large attendance. Mr. Haenseler will play the Berlin merchant in both. On Saturday night Edmund Hanne will be the beneficiary. Three short plays will be given by the stock company. In one Ernestine Schumann-Heink will take part, by permission of Maurice Grau.

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April 29, for the benefit of its treasurer. Albert Mineham.

The annual testimonial performance to
Harry S. Sanderson will be given at Tony
Pastor's on Easter Sunday night. Mr. Sanderson has been business manager of Pastor's
for thirty years.

Joseph Jefferson will not only play the grave
digger's part in "Hamiet" but will also discourse on the drama at the Fifth Avenue on
Sunday night, the 22d, when a performance is
to be given for the benefit of Marvin R. Clark.

The last of the benefit performances at present in sight will take place on the atternoon of
May I at three theatres. Daly's, Wallack's
and the Herald Square. The beneficiary will
be the fund for perpetuating the Dewey Arch.
J. W. Morrissey is arranging the performances. J. W. Morrissey is arranging the performances. The "Way Down Fast," "Runaway Girl," "Viceroy," "Quo Vadis," "Great Ruby," "Casino Girl" and "Romance of Athlone" companies have already volunteered.

BACH'S MASS IN B MINOR

Sung by the Oratorio Society in Carnegie

Hall Last Night. The Oratorio Society undertook last night at Carnegie Hall one of the most ambitious efforts in its career and one that did more than anything else to add to its reputation as an organization, standing for much that is best and noblest in the maintenance and encouragement of good music in New York. Bach's great mass in B minor, acknowledged by critics of music to be one of the greatest choral works ever composed, was sung for the first time here in anything like its entirety, and had indeed never been undertaken anywhere in this country until last week a Bach choir at Bethlehem, Pa., sang the whole of the mass. That rendering took place under special circumstances and it was possible to give all of the composition. Last night certain parts were of necessity omitted, as the patience of the most musical hearers could scarcely have held out when the mass was sung under the conditions that surround the usual musical entertainment in New York.

The singers of the society under Frank Damrosch have been rehearsing for several months the difficult music of the mass and their customary numbers were reenforced by their customary numbers were reenforced by numerous volunteers anxious to have a share in the credit that was to come to all associated with this endeavor. Mr. Damrosch had not exhausted his efforts on the singers, but, to attain the effects intended by lach and to maintain the tonal balance customary at the time the music was written, arranged his orchestra in accordance with the mode of the time. He caused to be male in Germany two oboe d'amore which added a novel and appropriate character to the orchestral parts. The orchestra last night comprised twelve first violins, ten second violins, eight violas, four 'cellos, five double

evidence at all points of the consciention work which must have been necessary to de liver such a difficult work in the admirable fashion it was song last right. Sara Andersot sang the trying music that fell to the sorrange fashion it was sing last right. Sara Anderson sang the trying music that fell to the soprano as she has never before sung in New York and both she and Miss Stein are entitled to the great praise for the way in which they delivered the duet, "Et in unum ominum." Mr. Baernstein also covered himself with glory in that part of the "Credo" beginning "Et in spiritum sanctum." Mr. Doury's share in the work was less exacting, but he did not fall below the high level established by his associates. The mass ended with the first part of the "Sanctus."

The orchestra played with the greatest discretion and the arrangement of the instruments added greatly to the general effectiveness of the performance. As a whole, it was one of the notable incidents of the musical season. Its success was made more complete by the vast size and spontaneous enthusiasm of the audience.

JOSEPH E. REYNOLDS MISSING.

He Was Once Well Known as a Theatrical Manager-Police Looking for Him. Mrs. Joseph E. Reynolds of 158 West Fif-

teenth street drove to the West Thirtieth street police station last evening and asked the police to send out a general alarm for her husband. Mr. Reynolds was once well known as a theatrical manager. He retired years ago on account of failing health and is well-to-do He disappeared from the Gilsey House yester-

He disappeared from the Gilsey House yester-day afternoon.

Mr. Reprolds is mentally unsound. For a long time it has been his wife's custom to drive him to the Gilsey House in the afternoon, find him a seat in the lobby, give him a small amount of money and leave him there until late in the afternoon, when she would call for him to take him home. She followed her usual custom vesterlay, calling for her husband about 4:30 o'clock, but he was nowhere to be found. Mrs. Keynolds learned that he had got into a dispute in the hotel barber shop about 3 o'clock and a few minutes later was seen in front of the Broadway entrance shaking his overcoat. That was the last seen of him around the hotel.

J. BOYD THACHER'S WAMPUM BELTS. Recover Them.

ROCHESTER, April 5 .- The appeal on the part of the Six Nations of Indians and the University of the State of New York from the decision of the Supreme Court dismissing the complaint of the Indians in the action brought against John Boyd Thacher of Albany was argued before the Appellate Division in this city vesterday. Edward Winslow Paige of New York city appeared for the Indians and John A. Delehanty of Albany for Mr. Thacher.

The Indians are trying to recover four war pum belts, one of which dates back to the time of Hiawatha, another was strung together on the occasion of Gen. George Washington's treaty with the Six Nations, and the other belts indicating the unity of the five nations and the first coming of men with white faces. Thomas Webster of the Snipetribe was the last native keeper of the wampum. He is now dead. Webster sold the belts to Gen. Thomas Carrington for \$85, who sold them to the Rev. Dr. Oliver Crane of Boston. Dr. Crane thought the belts should belong in this State, and he sold them to Mr. Thacher.

The Indians designated the University of the state of New York as wampum keeper, and an injunction was obtained restraining Mr. Thacher from disposing of the belts or mutitating them in any way. Upon the trial of the action the complaint of the Indians was dismissed, and the injunction was dissolved. Mr. Thacher contends that the belts have lost their historic interest to the Indians and that he had a bona fide title to them. The claim of the Indians is that Webster had no right to sell the belts, but that they belonged to the Six Nations, who have not parted with their rights. of Hiawatha, another was strung together on

"If You See It in 'The Sun.' It's So," at the age of 71, a week's round of Shakes-rean characters at Stratford-on-Avon. He of a news or editorial statement.—Adv.

ISIS IN PATERSON.

Because Recorder Senior Decided in Accordance With Law and Justice They Demand Pledges From Candidates for Aldermen Not to Reappoint Him. PATERSON, N. J., April 4.-When Polly leGrail was becoming famous as the heroine of the strike at the silk mill of John Hand & Sons, she and other persons at work there were annoyed, derided, and on several occasions assaulted by the strikers. Arrests were made, and Recorder George B. Senior, after hearing the testimony, found the defendants in certain cases guilty. He fined them and issued a salutary warning as to more severe punishment that would follow any further dis-

"The security of the citizen on the streets must be preserved." he declared. "I believe in a man or woman getting the highest wages that he or she can, but in the meantime other men and women have an equal right to walk through the streets of the city, to work or to play, without interference or molestation. The law is plain in the matter."

It is believed that the action of Recorder

Senior did much to prevent further and more serious violence, but it made the leaders of the unions his enemies. The force of their enmity was increased a short time ago, after the outbreak of the present strike of machinists. Disorder and violence were speedily resorted to by some of the striking machinists. Arrests were made and after the trials the Recorder repeated the warning which he had given for the benefit of the silk mill strikers some time before. His term of office, and he is dependent before. His term of office, and he is dependent upon the income from it, expires in a few weeks, and his reappointment or dismissal less within the observed of the Board of Alderman the Lowell or the headened with the united opposition of all members of labor unions unless they will first pieder the meseves to vote against the reappointment of Recorder Sonor. On Tuesday each candidate received from Gorge W. Riobloch, Secretary of the United Trades and Laber Council of Paterson, a letter domaining a formal piede. The letters attacted managing a formal piede. The letters attacted on the election of any Alderman who refuses to piede himself to vote against the continuance in office of Serier, and that all of the trade unions have indorsed the action of the central body. The communication further calls for a specific written promise within the days. The labor union distinctly declares in this communication that the machine shops, unity of violations of the peace. Of course their second the continuance in office of Serier, and that all of the strikers at the Hand sik mill, and more recently those at the machine shops, guilty of violations of the peace. Of course theirs is no doubt as to the correctness of the Recorder's decisions, but the citizens who have fair received the late of the citizens who have a ground the second of the citizens who have a ground the second of the citizens who have a ground the citizens who have threat of political declar for any candidate when there are optimized for the day for the balloting the leaders are confident that they will have expressions of optimo from most of the candidates and those who fall to make response will be regarded as hostile and be defeated, they say, it is said that several answers have already been any proposition to Recorder Serior and the distinct proclamation of the entire of the candidates and those who fall the make response will be received by the control of the candidates and those who fall to make response will be regarded as hostile and be defeated, the upon the income from it, expires in a few weeks, and his reappointment or dismissal lies within the discretion of the Board of Aldermen.

is said that several answers have already been received, but most of the candidates doesn having made any response.

But the plans of the unions are likely to be defeated. Their open opposition to Recorder School and the distinct proclamation of the cause of that opposition have brought about a strong movement among citizens who would not otherwise have interested themselves in favor of the Magistrate. These new factors in the field believe in law and order and indorse the position of the Judge as to labor difficulties. They see plainly that the matter of his reappointment has become one of principle rather than of persons and are determined to bring about his centinuance in office. In the event of other means failing, those in support of Senior, and their number is increasing daily, will insist upon the illegality of his being superseded under the Veterans act. Under the terms of this art a veteran of the Civil War can be removed from office only for cause, but there are some doubts as to whether the act would hold good if called to a definite test, and it will not be brought into the question except as a last resort.

PEACE BROODS IN KENTUCKY. Further Agreement to Avoid a Clash After the Governorship Decision.

comprised twelve first violins, ten second violins, eight violins, four 'cellos, five double basses, four futes, four oboes, two bassoons, three trumpets in D. one solo horn, tympans and organ, in addition to the two instruments mentioned. Mmes, Sara Anderson and Gertrude Stein and Nicholas Douty and Joseph Baernstein were the soloists.

The chorus acquitted itself splendidly. It was possibly too much to ask that such a difficult work should have been sung with perfect dynamic effect. But the singing was marked by the greatest precision and the unusually beautiful piano ending of the "Crucifixus" was very skiliully managed. There was evidence at all points of the conscientious.

The rumor is current that the Court of Appeals renders its decision in the court of Appeals render t from the headquarters of the Demo-

court favoring Beckham, and it is believed to keep on they'll bankrupt the city." have foundation by the friends of both sides.

have foundation by the friends of both sides. The court will hand down the decision at its next meeting, whether this is held Saturday or Monday. The Republican attorneys have made at preparations to apply at once for a writ of error to the Supreme Court of the United States.

Gen. Castleman of the Beckham government arrived here to-night and proceeded alone to the office of Gen. Collier of the Republican government. The two chief officials of the respective governments are good personal friends and have a perfect understanding. It is probable that this friendship has avoided a clash and bloodshed. Castleman and Collier were closeted some time together in Collier's office, and a further understanding is believed to have been reached by them.

The commissioners having in charge the reward fund for the apprehension of the assessment accessories held along session here to-day. Attorney Campbell, Commonwealth's Attorney Frankin and County Attorney Poiss grove made a report as to the progress in securing evidence. It is said a series of resolutions giving instructions to the officers were to-day. Attorney Campbell, Commonwealth's grove made a report as to the progress in securing evidence. It is said a series of resolutions giving instructions to the officers were to-day. Attorney Campbell, Commonwealth's grove made a report as to the progress in securing evidence. It is said a series of resolutions giving instructions to the officers were to-day. Attorney Campbell, Commonwealth's grove made a report as to the progress in securing evidence, it is said a series of resolutions giving instructions to the officers were to-day. Attorney Campbell, Commonwealth's grove made a report as to the progress in securing evidence, it is said a series of resolutions are made.

The commission to revise the charter! They keep on sending down bills here amended to have the fund is to remain intact until after convictions are made.

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TOO LATE BY TWENTY YEARS. Woman Looking for a Millionaire Who

Died That Long Ago. Poormaster Harry L. Barck of Hoboken received the following letter yesterday: "OTEGA, Kan., Maren 25, 1900.

Poormaster Barck, Hoboken, N. J. "SiB: Will you kindly inform me the whereabouts of Joseph Lewis, if living; if dead, in whose hands was the estate placed? Do you know of any person or persons by the name of Lewis living in Hoboken? Through misplacement of letters my mother, who was a Lewis lost all trace of relations years ago; and if you can give me the information asked for I will be

CAMERAS AT PARIS EXPOSITION. Fee for Using Those Set Up on Tripods

Is 1,000 Pranes Each-Restrictions. The Minister of Commerce, Post Office and Telegraph of France has promulgated a set of rules governing the use of cameras at the Paris Exposition. No exhibited article can be photographed without the written permission of the exhibitor, and the operations must be carried on so as not to interfere with the circulation of the crowds. Hand cameras can be used at all hours, the fee for each instrument being 25 francs. Cameras set up on tripods are allowed only until 1 P. M., and the privilege is controlled by a card bearing the photograph of the person getting the nermission. The tee for such cameras is 1,000 francs each. Besides these fees the owners of cameras and their assistants must pay the regular admission price to the grounds. Exposition. No exhibited article can be photo-

LEAN DAYS FOR FIRE INSURERS. | CRACKED A RAILROAD SAFE All the Companies Herenbouts Seem to B

Losing Money. For the last eighteen months the fire insurance business has been in trouble. Premiums have come in pretty well, but losses have piled up at almost unprecedented rates. Every fire insurance man knows that that form of insurance is the most uncertain business proposition in the world, so far as the companies are concerned, and that while everything else in the commercial world is booming nothing in that line booms except the payment of policies, and, furthermore, that there is no explaining the why and wherefore of the evil periods. So those in that line of insurance are trained to grin and bear it, whatever happens, and at present they are having some excellent practice in stoicism. According to the testimony of several companies, to repre sentatives of which THE SUN reporter talked yesterday, the companies that have taken in as much as they have paid out in claims are very fortunate, and the large ones have been paying out approximately upward of \$1.15 for

every dollar they have taken in. Before the beginning of 1800 there began an era of fires which is still in force, and how much longer it will last no man knows. Nor is there any adequate explanation of it. "It just happened that way." is what the insurance men say about. The losses have been in all classes of risks and in all parts of the country. This city. which, on account of the character of its build ings and its excellent fire department, should be good paying ground for the insurance companies, has shown a somewhat larger average of losses than the rest of the country.

"It is just a matter of bad luck," said a representative of a company which does a very large business in this city and the vicinity. The lean years are upon us, that's all there is o it, and trying to figure out why it is is just

MIYOR UPSEIS THE PEPPER.

It Chokes Poor Bridges and Besprinkles the Atlantic Avenue Improvement.

divided between the company and the city. FRANKFORT, Ky., April 5 .- The authoritative main speech in favor of the bill. In reply to adopted. He dwelt on the duties and responsi- of that place, died on Wednesday night of pneuthat "the agreement of the representatives of | regard to the city's paying \$1,250,000 for the | "The outlook for the cause of honest and intellithe Democrats and Republicans to await the work. He said that when the company had in-actions of the courts in the Governorship con-tended to spend a large sum of money for a than it is to-day. The public opinion that makes test before making any effort to take forcible | tunnel he thought that the city could well af- | government good or bad is changing for the betpossession will be strictly adhered to," has set ford to bear part of the expense, but that as ter, and the general intelligence and knowledge at rest all further gossip of a possible clash be- the company had abandoned the tunnel proj- of public affairs that is always the surest safe-

The rumor is current that the Court of Ap- | favor of the railroads and to fight their battles peals opinion sustains the action of the lower | for them," said the Mayor. "If the Legislature

"We could not have got this bill passed with-The court will hand down the decision at its out the provision for the city to pay part of the

TOO MUCH FOR LAKE GLENEIDA. Justice Dickey Makes a Decision Protect ing the City Treasury.

WHITE PLAINS, April 5 .- Supreme Court Justice Dickey has rendered a decision in the New York water supply proceedings which not only saves the city of New York in the case at issue nearly \$7,000, but also establishes a precedent in regard to ponds in Westchester and Putnam counties which must result in a large reduction were held in \$1,000 ball each for examination. of many claims now in process of adjudication. The city acquired the bed of Lake Gleneida in Putnam county together with the waters of the can give me the information asked for I will be ever so much obliged. If you cannot give me information will you kindly place me in communication with some one through whom I may learn the above? Respectfully.

Old residents of Hoboken remember a Joseph Lewis who died in that city more than twenty years ago, leaving an estate valued at over \$1,000,000 to the United States Government, with a request that it be used in paying off the wardebt. He lived alone in a cottage on the site now occupied by the Star, Theatre in Hudson street, between First and Second street. He was eccentric and no one knew he was wealthy until after his death. A woman who claimed to be his wife contested the will, but the suit was held to be fraudulent and the will was not broken. The only person who secured any of the fortune was Joshua Beason, to whom was allowed \$20,000 for earing for Lewis in his oid age. Benson died about ten years ago.

Conviction in Michigan's Military France LANSING, Mich., April 5 .- Arthur F. Marsh who was indicted for defrauding the State in connection with the Military Board frauds was convicted to-day, the jury returning a verdict of guilty after being out two hours. Application to admit the defendant to bail was granted, and the bond fixed at \$15.000. The trial term began March 19, and the defence put in no testimony. The penalty is from two to fourteen years in State prison.

WHILE THE WATCHMAN, BOUND AND BLINDFOLDED, SAT BY. Crime Committed at Mamaroneck - The

Leader of the Gang a Friendly Thief and Somewhat Boastful-Disappointed Because There Was Only \$100 in the Safe. MAMARONECK, April 5. - A band of safe blowers, five of whom were white and one colored, visited this place at 2:30 o'clock this morning and after binding and gagging William Eastwood, the night freight agent of the New Haven Railroad, blew open the safe with dynamite and secured about \$100. Although the agent saw the faces of his captors only for an instant while he was being knocked down, he believes that they were led by a tall, slender young man who was not nearly as rough as his companions and whose conversation showed that he was more intelligent. The others exhibited complete submission to him When he found that there was only \$100 in the

safe he said that the job had not paid for the trouble. "I thought that you told me there was \$1,000 here," he said to a confederate. "The next time we send you out to look for swag you will know it." The confederate explained that there had been plenty of money in the safe on previous occasions. but that the station agent must have taken the funds with him. Before reaching Mamaroneck the burglars

tried to open the safe of the Larchmont Post Office, They were just ready to light the fuse when Policeman Maguire and O'Brien discovered them and fired upon them. They escaped through a back window and were pursued by the policemen and both sides kept up a running fire from their revolvers. The policemen, seeing that they were outnumbered discontinued the chasewhen they reached the Mamaroneck line.

About an hour later Eastwood, sitting in the freight house office, heard a noise outside. He started to investigate, but had no sooner unbitled the door than the thieves sprang upon him and knocked him down with their revolvers. In the scrimmage some one discharged a revolver and the bullet grazed Eastwood's cheek. Eastwood is an old man and could ofter only a little resistance. The thieves bound him to a chair after one of them had thrown an overcoat about his face. volvers. The policemen, seeing that they were

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When the men began work on the safe the leader sat down near Eastwood. Seeing that the cords were cutting his arms, he loosened them. Eastwood muttered from inside the overcoat that he could scarcely breathe.

"Well, we won't smother you," said the burglar as he adjusted the coat to give the prisoner a little more air. "You put up quite a game fight for a man of your age," he continued, "and we give you credit for it. All we ask of you is to be quest and we will not harm you."

"The burglar chatted on. He said that this was only a small job and his gang was used to much larger work. Eastwood asked him if there would be any danger when the safe was blown up.

Not the least in the world," he responded. "Not the least in the world," he responded. 
"The boys all know their business and you are perfectly safe to sit right where you are."

He told Eastwood that he had done several jobs along the New Haven road and that he knew almost as much about the affairs of the company as the superintendent. When it came time to high the fuse the other burglars all stood back and the leader went up and inspected the safe. "I guess she's all right, boys," he said. "Let her go."

The explosion that followed shook the building and broke every pane of glass in the window. The lamps went out and the room was filled with smoke. Eastwood felt some one reach into his pockets and take his watch. The burglars detailed the colored man to watch the prisoner and see that he gave a no alarm before they escaped. The man sat two hours beside Eastwood with his revolver in his hand and never spoke a word. Then seeing that daylight was dawning, he went out and locked the door after him, throwing away the key. Eastwood was not released until 7 o'clock in the morning, when Timothy Lynch, the day agent, arrived.

There is a theory that the safe-blowers escaped There is a theory that the safe-blowers escaped from Mamaroneck by beat. A few days ago the home of M. L. Williams, a wealthy man, at Orienta Point, was plundered.

PLYMOUTH CHURCH HEARS COLER, He Warns Its Young Men Against Trying to Get Rich in Politics.

"Civic Purity" was the discussion at the meeting in Plymouth Church last night under the direc-A big delegation of Brooklynites invaded | tion of the Young Men's Club. The speakers City Hall yesterday to urge Mayor Van Wyck | were Comptroller Bird S. Coler, the Rev. Dr. Lyman to approve the Wagner bill, providing for the Abbott, James McKeen, President of the Hamilton depression of the Long Island Railroad Com- Club, and Thomas G. Shearman. Mr. Coler, pany's tracks in Atlantic avenue, the cost to be who made the principal address, received an enthusiastic welcome and at the close of the pro-Eugene G. Blackford, President of the Atlantic ceedings a resolution expressive of gratitude to Avenue Improvement Commission, made the and confidence in him as a public officer was him the Mayor said that he was in favor of de- bilities of young men in public affairs and this

"To my mind the most important duty and the gravest responsibility upon the young men of New York is to save themselves from the temptation of corrupt politics and to help others to avoid the shoals that wreck good government. The young men of the city have ever before them the example of men who have gone into politics or obtained public office and made fortunes. That example is dangerous and demoralizing. The worst official corruption that ever existed in this city was due to that unsound and dangerous theory of politics that every business transaction of the municipality must be made to yield a financial profit to the men in power. When the public see men getting rich in politics and public life and at the same time maintaining at least the

RAID ON EAST SIDE POLICY MEN. Four Arrested on Warrants Procured by

Capt, Goddard's Anti-Vice Society. Edward J. Reardon, Superintendent of Capt. Frank Norton Goldard's society for the suppression of vice, obtained from Magistrate Flammer, in the Centre street police court yesterday warrants for the arrest of four "John Does" for running policy shops. With four court policemen he afterward drove to 151 Goerck street, where Adolph Fisher was ar-rested. Then, in turn, William Laughlin of 433 First avenue: Fred Grant of 359 East Thirty-third street and William Carroll of 687 First avenue were taken into custody. They

Commander Swift to Command the Prairie. It was said at the Navy Yard yesterday that Commander William Swift, Chief of the Ordnance Department, would relieve Capt. Morris R. S. MacKenzie in command of the Prairie on the arrival of the vessel from France to-morrow.

The Prairie will probably be used as a training ship and it may cruise in the Mediterranean duelog the augment.

Won the Ten Eyck Prize at Yale. New Haven, Conn., April 5 .- Arthur Hunt-Ington Gleason, 1901, of South Norwalk, Conn., won the annual junior exhibition or TenEyek prize-speaking contest this afternoon, which virtually gives him the title of being the "best orator in Yale University." His subject was "Notre Dame de Paris." There were seven

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CUBAN PARTY'S PLATFORM.

Conservatives Want to Aid the Intervening

Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN. HAVANA, April 5. - The Conservatives in Cuban polities held a meeting last night and adopted "Democratic Union" as the name of the new party. A platform was adopted. I declares that the party considers the Pari Treaty the fundamental law of the present political order in Cuba, it being more binding than the joint resolution of the American Con gress. The new party believes that the intervening government should remain here long enough to establish a staple government, putting an end to the political and administrative disorganization and perturbation and protecting the moral and material interests of the island. This is the keynote of the platform. The

party does not yield a point of its claim for independence, but does not wish it until the country has been brought to a state of capability for self-administration. To reach this end the party proposes to help the intervening government. It desires "to obtain complete se curity for the public peace, the reconstruction of the sources of wealth, the establishment of the principle of authority, the inviolability of the law, legislative and financial reforms with a reduction of taxation, if possible, and the protection of all rights acquired under the Treaty of Paris." The party will also seek to bring about the popular election of Ayuntamientos, and the creation by popular vote of a State Advisory Board, in the absence of a legislative body, to participate in the executive function. It will insist upon scrupulous respect for the rights of foreigners. As to independence, when it comes the party wants perfect harmony with the United States. with commercial treaties that will be advantageous to both countries. Gen. Mayia Rodriguez, the President of the

party, and forty other officers of the revolution sign the platform, together with the lead ers of the former Autonomist party. On paper this organization is the strongest in Cuba, but t lacks as yet a detailed organization.

The Spaniards will undoubtedly follow their leaders. The figures show that they will be an immense factor in the elections. Up to last night 41,000 registrations of Spaniards under the provisions of the Paris Treaty had been reported at headquarters. Of this number 18,000 were in Havana. The exact number of Spaniards in the island is not known. The Digrio de la Marina estimates the number at 150,000, while at the office of the Secretary of State the number is placed at 180,000, of which 80 per cent can read and write. Some estimates give Havana a Spanish population of 80,000, but this is probably too high. Enough will be left Cubans after the registration, however, to make them a powerful element at the polls.

The danger confronting the new party is that it is too strong. It is so large that it is liable to spilt into factions, which will ruin its usefulness and influence.

BEWARE OF THIS SMOOTH YOUNG MAN He's a Slick Boarding House Thief and the

A nicely spoken young man, carrying a suit case and wearing a silk hat, called at Mrs. Chessner's boarding house, 46 West Twenty-first street, yesterday afternoon and asked for a room. He was such a nice looking young man and had such an engaging manner that Mrs. Chessner took him without references. As nearly as Mrs. Chessner can judge, about an hour after a room had been assigned to him three or four of the other boarders rushed down to her to report losses of clothing and jewelry and other possessions, which they said had been stolen from their rooms during the afternoon.

An inventory was taken and it was found An inventory was taken and it was found that about \$200 worth of jewelry and clothing had been taken from three rooms. The nice young man had gone out and taken has suit case with him. He has not returned yet. A young man of similar appearance has been robbing boarding houses in the Tenderloin for the last ten days. All of the plain-clothes men attached to the West Thirtieth street police station were looking for him last night.

Henry V. Riker, Treasurer of the city of Stamford, Coun, and of the Citizens' Savings Bank monia, after an illness of a month. He was born late Gilbert K. Riker and Martha M. Riker. His parents removed to Stamford when he was about than it is to-day. The public opinion that makes government good or bad is changing for the better, and the general intelligence and knowledge of public affairs that is always the surest safeguard against dishonesty in high places is extending slowly but surely to every class of society, wheneve had to fight some political corruption and we are not yet safe from the danger of one monstraus job that originated in corrupt politics, but it is daily growing more difficult for a dishonest man to succeed in public life.

"To my mind the most important duty and the gravest responsibility upon the young men of New York is to save themselves from the temptation of corrupt politics and to help others to avoid the shoals that wreck good government. The young men of the city have ever before them the example of men who have gone into politics or obtained public office and made fortunes. That

see men getting rich in politics and public life and at the same time maintaining at least the semblance of a reputation for honesty the example is certain to exert a harmful influence."

Mr. Shearman said that New York was the most absolutely ill-governed city in the world, with the possible exception of Constantinop, leand under a more despotic rule than St. Petersburg or Moscow.

The Rev. Dr. Abbott took exception to some of Mr. Shearman's radical statements and remarked: "I do not think all the saints have gone into the Church or all the sinners into politics." He elicited a burst of applause by denouncing Senator Raine's recont attack on Dr. Truman L. Backus in connection with the administration of the Long Island State Hospital.

State Hospital. Altament de Cordova, a brother of Alfred and Custace de Cordova of the Stock Exchange firm Eustace de Cordova of the Stock Exchange fir of Alfred de Cordova & Co., died at his hom 171 West Ninety-fifth street, yesterday mornin

171 West Ninety-fifth street, yesterday morning, of pneumonia. He was 62 years old, was a native of the Island of Jamaica, and was once a prominent West Indian merchant at Kingston. He was a sympathizer with the patriotic Cubans and was consignee at Kingston of the steamship Virginius, the execution of part of whose crew by the Spanish nearly brought us into war with Spain in 1873. Mr de Cordova was a member of the Jamaican Legislative Assembly, a Justice of the Prace and for a time Peruvian Consul. He was high in Jamaican Masonic circles and was a Royal Arch Mason and for a time listing Grand Master for Jamaica. He came to this city Grand Master for Jamaica. He came to this coabout a dozen years ago. He leaves a wido two daughters and eight grown sons. Two

wo daughters and eight known sons. Two of his sons Aaron and Varona Akramonte, are nembers of the Consolidated Stock and Petroleum Exchange. The last is named after the Cuban Generals Varona and Agramonte, who lost tieff lives in the Vinginius massacre.

Mahlon C. Martin died at his home on College avenue, New Brunswick. J. on Wednesday night, aged 60 years. He was stricken with apoplexy last Saturday after returning from Southern California. Mr. Martin worked when a young man in a rubber boot and shoe factory in New Brunswick; then he went to Oil City, Pa., where he made a facture in dealing in petroleum land. He travelled several years for his health and ngain became interested in the rubber industry. When the Rubber Trust was formed he was made assistant treasurer. His estate in estimat dat from \$2,000,000 to \$4,000,000. He was never matrix d.

Mrs. Aida Lawrence is dead at her home in Quincy. Ill. She was one of the closet a tresses in the country. She played leading parts with Edwin Booth Mty year ago, and also was with Laura Keene, J. B. Booth, John McCull agh, Joseph Jefferson and other stars.

Capt. Sam Moore Smith and vesterday from hear disease at his home, 63 West Fifty-second street. He was over 70 years old, and for years had been in the employ of Dunham & Co., dry goods dealers at 340 Breadway. He was a veteran of the Twenty second Regiment.

Frank W. Richardson of Milford, N. H., was buried yesterday. He was the chaintion whist player of New Hampshire, Secretary of a fire insurance company and President of a bank, the local heard of trade and a granuse company.

James Seeley of Rochester, well known as a naker of perfumes and patent medicines, died

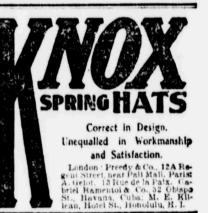
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Dix, D. D., rector of Trinity Church, April 4, 1900, at 23 Washington Square North, Eleanor Jay, daughter of the late Edmund Randolph Robtason, to James Lowell Putnam of Boston. No cards. DIBD.

CUNE .- At Bratt leboro, Vt., April 4, 1900, Mary

Ann, widow of William P. Cune, and daughter of

the late Joseph Goodhue, in the 84th year of he Vt., Saturday, April 7, 1900, 2:30 P. M. DEPEW .- At Plainfield, N. J., f pneumonia, on Thursday, April 5, 1900, Helen J., widow of E.H.

Depew, and daughter of the late Abram S. and Funeral services at the residence of her daughter Mrs. A. M. Kleinecke, 129 East Ninth st., Plain-field, N. J. Interment private. DUNHAM. - At Perth Amboy, N. J., April 3, 1860

Eliza Morris, widow of Thomas Dunham, aged 85. Funeral from her late residence on State at., Perta Amboy, Friday, April 6, 1900, at 2:30 P. M. ELMENDORF .- On Thursday, April 5, 1990, at the residence of his son-in-law, Dr. Walter Lester Carr, John Augustus Elmendorf, in his 72d year. Funeral services at 68 West 51st St., Saturday,

flowers be sent. HANKINSON. - At Marfa, Tex., on Friday, March 30, 1909, John H. Hankinson, in the 53d year of his age.
Funeral services in the Madison Avenue Reformed.

Church, corner Fifty seventh st., on Friday, April 6, 1906, at 10 A.M. Inferment at Farrytown. LITTLE, On! Thursday manting April 5 1900, at his residence, 254 West 195th st., John T. Little, of apoplexy.

Notice of functal hereafter. Washington, D C. Denyer and San Francisco papers please copy.

MARRET .- On Thursday, April 5, 1900, Arms B., nee Simon, beloved wite of Charles J. Market, Relatives and friends are invited to attend funeral from her late residence, \$5 Caked, dervey City, on Sunday, April 8, 1900, at 255 P. M.

MARTIN,—At New Brunewick, N. J. on April 4, 1900. Maldon C. Martin Foreral services will be head it in his late residence, College av., New Brunswich on Saturday after-

PACKER.—At 20 Pierrepont st., Brooklyn, N. Y., Tursday night, April 3, 1900, Louis D. Pacher. Funeral services at the home of his lister, Mrs. E. A. Bradford, 175 Columbia Heights, Brooks lyn, on Friday, April 6, 1900, at 5 P. M. Interment at New London, Conn.

PERSHALL. On Thursday, April 5, 1000, Ellen Lucinda, wife of David D. Pershall.
Funcial services at her late residence, 147 East
37th st., on Saturday, April 7, at 11 A.M. RICHARDS. - At Dover, N. J., on The day, April 3, 1800, George Richards, aged 67 years. Funeral services will be held at his late re-idence

on Monday, April 9, 1900, at 3 o'clock in the afternoon. Carriages will meet trains. RIKER. At Stemford, Conn., April 4, 1800, Henry Vandersoort Riker, in the 56th year of his age. Funeral services will be held at St. John's Church. Stamford, Conn., on Saturday, April 7, 1900, at 5 P. M. Carriages will be at station on arrival of

2 o'clock train from New York. SMITH. At his residence in this city, on Thurs day, April 5, 1900, Capt. Sam Moore Smith. Funeral Saturday, the 7th inst., at 2 P. M., at the Madison Square Presbyterian Church (Dr. Park-nurst's). Interment at Ovid. N. Y.

VETERAN ASSOCIATION. COMPANY "D," 22D REGIMENT, N. G. S. N. Y.-Members of the Veteran Association of Company "D" are hereby requested to attend the funeral services of Capt. Sam Moore Smith at the Madison Square Presbyterian Church, 24th st and Madison av., on Saturday, April 7, 1960, at 2 P. M. W. H. CORTELYOU, President

A. J. STONE, Secretary. SMITH .- On Tuesday night, April 3, 1900, Andrew lyn, in his 83d year. Service as his residence on Friday afternoon, April 6, 1900, at 5 o'clock. Interment at Woodland

Cemetery, Philadelphia on Saturday. YOUNG .- On April 4, 1900, at the House of the Paul-Young, Priest of the Congregation of St. Paul the

Apostie, in his 70th year, respects of the dead will be chanted on Friday evening as 8 o'clock; office of the dead on Satur-A. M. The reverend clergy and friends are in-

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